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In the absence of Admiral Hillenkoetter I am replying to your letter of 15 September relative to the transfer of cettain departmental employees from the Department of State to the Central Intelligence Agency.

Action has been initiated to effect the immediate tction on ur. transfer of will be deferred pending further recommendations at your convenience.

Reference the second paragraph of your letter, one other departmental employee of the Lapartment of State, is now on detail with CIA. It is assumed that you do not desire action initiated for transfer in his case.

We are pleased to be able to be of assistance to you in view of your budget restrictions, and hope you will call on us for such similar aid as we may be able to afford in the future.

Sincerely yours,

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E. K. WRICHT Brigadier General, USA Acting Director of Central Intelligence

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